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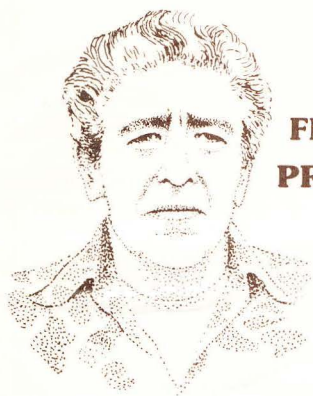
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow members:

I would like to use my column to touch briefly on a few important subjects.

The Forksville Bow Festival—The steady return to traditional archery was evident. More and more, the subject of interest and conversation, the beautiful recurves and longbows displayed at the show. One word FANTASTIC covers it!

The AMO and the AAC—In my last presidents letter I said that finally there was light at the end of the long dark tunnel. Some of the leaders of these two organizations had assured me personally at my home and at the recent Pope & Young meeting that the relationship between the two organizations was to be changed and the NBBA would be asked to send a representative to the AAC. Open dialogue with no manufacturers control over the AAC. Great, right? Don't hold your breath.

The New Compounds—Notice I did not use the word bow after the word compound. Taking the lead from Vern Struble our Oregon Representative, I promise never to use it again. In an article some time ago, I (with tongue in cheek) alluded to the coming 300FPS compound. Little did I know. A new compound has just come on the market with a speed (claimed) of 383 FPS. Sooner or later the fish & game depts. MUST become aware of what is happening and ban this arrow launcher, the compound, from our primitive weapons season in every state. The NBBA will continue its efforts towards that end.

The 1983 Stump Shoot—Everyone had a ball. We did all the old time fun things. We broke balloons, we had a William Tell with the traditional apple on his head and there were no wheels, sights, release aids or manufacturers pushing gadgets at us. We were a happy group of traditional archers doing our thing, and what a wonderful fulfilling thing it is. It was fun, but for me it was much more. It refilled my well of determination to do all I can to preserve our sport of archery. I came away with renewed dedication to our struggle to see that our sport is *not* buried by the power of money and the insatiable desire of manufacturers to make a Business of our Sport and an archer out of *Everyone*. A continuation of this attitude will lead to the loss of our primitive weapons seasons and further deny our youth the opportunity to be exposed to TRUE Archery. We must *never* come to the point when the only vestage of our sport will be in the words of some lonely old ARCHER who puts his grandson on his knee and starts his bedtime story by saying, "Once upon a time there was a stick and a string and they called it a bow. And, when braced against the sky it was a thing of beauty."

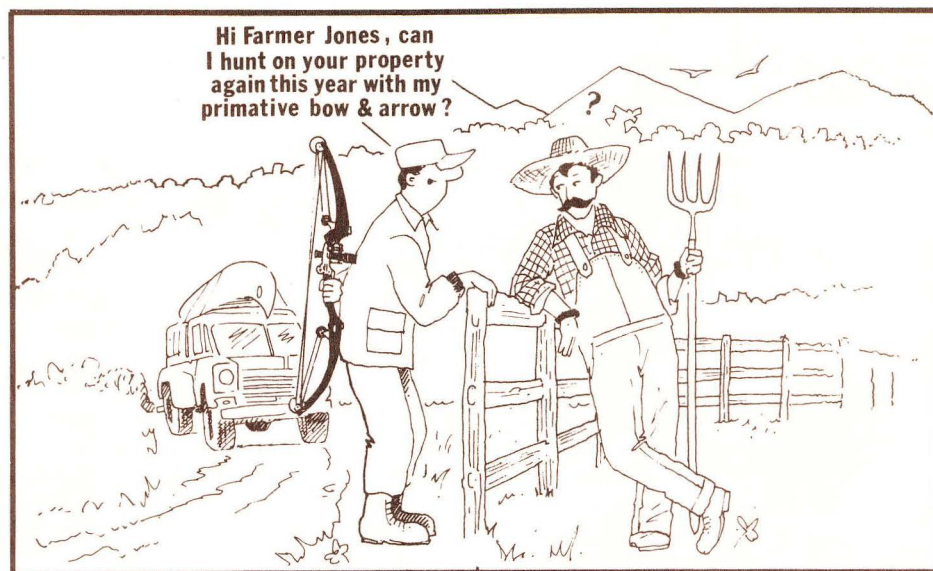
There were many great moments at the Stump Shoot.

The Northeast National Bowhunter Jamboree Traditional division champion, Tasos Gavrilis, coming out on practice day and hitting 26 out of 28 targets with two shots at each target on this *very* difficult and demanding course and going on into the last 28 target semi-final round with a fractured finger joint and bleeding finger tips on his bow hand. Guts, you bet. I can't wait to see this great archer compete next year.

The great match—Final—between Billy Fowlkes, twice a National Champion, and our own NBBA Director Doug Kerr. The large gallery that followed that pair around saw some superb shooting.

The big thrill for me, the youngsters that Ron Bushemi and I supervised in their competition and the great remark passed by the runner-up. After being defeated I asked him if he was going to congratulate the winner. He walked up to him and said "Congratulations" and then added, "But I'm coming after you next year."

John Musacchia
President NBBA



NEWSBRIEFS

NBBA QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS PRINTED IN ARCHERY WORLD MAG.

The November issue of Archery World (p. 25), reported the results of the recent NBBA poll regarding the equipment issue, and the development of such equipment. The results of the poll appeared in our spring newsletter.

The questionnaire was sent to all our members and those of other major archery organizations. It represented the only major signature validated poll of this type in the nation.

With one of the largest nationwide circulations of any major archery publication, the article is sure to receive wide spread exposure throughout the archery community.

We thank the editors of Archery World for affording us this opportunity.

MAINE SPORTSMAN MAGAZINE TO PRINT ALLEN JACOBS ARTICLE

Allen I. Jacobs, D.M.D., NBBA Rep. from the state of Maine, has submitted an article to be published in the Nov.-Dec. issue of that publication.

He has forwarded a copy to the NBBA and we hope to print it in our Spring '84 issue of the newsletter, so as not to preempt the magazine.

It is a fine article, and we look forward to sharing it with all our membership.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I goofed. You approached me at the NBBA booth at the Forksville Pa. Festival with a legitimate complaint. You never received your Trophy Award and white-tail patch. Guess what? I lost your name and address. Please try me one more time.

John Musacchia, Pres.

LET'S GO BACK TO THE BASICS

Vern Struble

The following are excerpts from a letter by Mr. Struble, our Oregon Rep.

The easy life first entered with the advent of the compound. Please note I did not say compound bow as I do not consider this contraption that propels arrows a bow.

It was a monster created to make money by making it easy to obtain a degree of proficiency in placing an arrow in a desired object.

I'm reminded of only a year ago June when a young fellow drove into my driveway and said, "I just moved to Oregon a few weeks ago and I've been reading your game regulations. When I found out how much more time bow hunters could hunt than the rifle hunters could, I marched myself right down town and bought me a bow and some arrows. They told me that you would let me use your practice bales and help me get started with the proper

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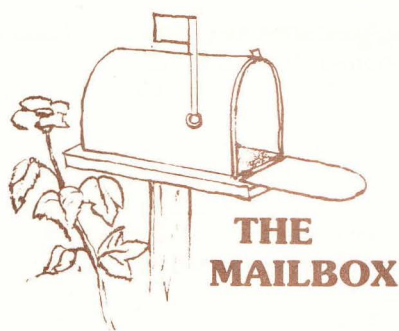
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Dear John,

Would like to compliment you and the N.B.B.A. on that great stump shoot, it's been a long time since I attended a shoot that was as much fun. All targets presented reasonable hunting shots and typical obstacles in beautiful country coupled with a enjoyable informal atmosphere.

A word from the women, in our group of four couples three of the ladies are now shooting recurves, and all had a great time.

Talked with a young woman at an archery club on Long Island after our shoot, she placed in the State Championships—83 using her new compound bow. She started in April '83 had never shot anything but her compound, knew absolutely nothing about her equipment or archery, but she can hold that thing up at 20 an 80 yd. targets. This is not a put down of the lady, but somewhere were losing sight of the fact that anything so easily mastered becomes no big thing and will be put aside and forgotten just as easily, after you have done it all, what's left?

Archery was not meant to be easy and certainly requires more effort and time to progress from a novice. While that young lady may never hunt, there are huge numbers of "bowhunters" who have followed the same path.

The N.B.B.A. has filled a large void, and through the efforts of all of us maybe we can educate and set some forces in motion to bring archery and bowhunting back where it belongs.

Have a good season.

Sincerely,
Tom Donovan
Woodside, N.Y.

Dear N.B.B.A.,

I have some comments on the N.B.B.A. questionnaire.

The compound bow was invented by Allen to enable his grandson to shoot a bow because he was unable to shoot a regular bow. The design of the bow made it easy for the young lad to shoot without regular practice. The compound and its

gadgets made up for a persons lack of dedication—shooting the bow everyday. On short it makes up for what people lack.

Multiple pin and telescopic sights are two of the gadgets that go on a compound bow, that, once the distance is known, greatly improves the accuracy. Whereas, if a person spent much time practicing, his own inner eye would send the arrow to its proper target.

Releases were invented for target shooters to get a cleaner release. These guys are grouping arrows in a quarter size ring at 20 yards. This accuracy, at the range, really isn't needed in the woods. Again practice is the key word here.

The tree stands greatly give the bowhunter an advantage but also damages the tree, takes away the challenge by being above the animals scents and they get stolen a lot. A person should fit his hunt to the woods, not change the woods to fit his hunt.

Range finders; if one practice at different yards regularly, he doesn't need a range finder to tell him the distance. Next we'll be carrying computers.

Lighted Pin Sights—why lighted?, are they shooting in the dark and can't see their target or whether they got a hit? Hunt during legal hours.

The strings tracker; if you stick to the distances you are good at, there would be little need for the string tracker. It's just another gadget to make money.

Stabilizers; if you have metal sticking out at the end of your arm you'd need a stabilizer. With regular practice with any bow would strengthen your arm.

Metal and synthetic arrows take away the proud feeling of handmade wooden arrows but lost the metal arrows would not breakdown. It would also be a sign in years to come that a bowhunter was here. Wooden arrows would go good in the woods, they're organic and would eventually breakdown.

Factory sharpened broadheads; this is a good idea, however it takes away the need of their skill to sharpen your own broadheads. Bowhunters should know the skill.

In summarizing of my letter, if you want to save time, then spend the money for all the goodies and gadgets and go out and try to get a deer. Or practice, forget the gadgets, become a better archer yourself. Keep your bare bow simple and enjoy the noble sport of real bow hunting.

Sincerely,
Frank Enos, Jr.

NBBA,

Just thought I'd write a note to tell you how much I appreciate what the NBBA stands for. I have never owned anything but recurves or longbows and have always shot instinctively. (I tried a sight once and shot worse!) My friend Tim and I both shoot 65# Bear Grizzly Recurves and when we go to an indoor range to practice we are always the *only* ones there not shooting compounds or using sights or release aids, etc. It just seems to me that all that *junk* takes the fun and challenge out of archery. I have only been seriously bowhunting for 2 years and am already counting the days until next October 1st. I will count it a privilege to be a member of your fine organization! Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Bob Davis

N.B.B.A.,

I am joining the National BareBow Association because I believe in what your organization stands for and wish to support your efforts. I have hunted small game—rabbits and squirrels—off and on for about fifteen years but only began deer hunting the past two years. I feel that bowhunting is the finest sport going and would really hate to see anything happen to harm it. I also own a Zebra longbow—which I intend to hunt with this year. I love shooting both recurve and longbow but have no use what-so-ever for compounds. They are better off belonging to others as I have a hard time thinking of compounds as bows. I hope you are able to keep up your fine work.

Sincerely,
Jerome Niefeld

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Bare Bow Mail Box,

I sent for your literature because the National Bare Bow Assn sounded like an organization that I wanted to join. However after reading where you guys condemn the compound bow I decided that your organization wasn't worthy of my membership.

I shoot bare bow, three finger release, purely instinctive, and have been since I was 10 years old, that was 42 years ago. I have never used sights, range finders, release aids, etc.

I have been shooting a compound bow since '72 or '73. I shot longbows and recurves prior to that. I have killed hundreds of small game, fish and birds as well as numerous large game with the recurve. I still fish with my recurve bow.

You guys are all wrong about the compound bows. They are responsible for better accuracy flatter trajectory and much better penetration at equal weights, yes. But the compound bow has to be hand held and shot with great accuracy and precision.

The higher kill ratio (if there is really one) is due to the fact that there are more and more gun hunters and others getting in on the longer archery seasons. Also older people can continue hunting longer with a heavy hunting compound bow that is comfortable to hold because of the 40 to 50 percent letoff of the wheels and or cams.

One thing that your organizations could do to promote good clean kills is to discourage your members in the use of the leather back quiver, due to the fact that it is next to impossible to keep the broadhead arrows razor sharp, and you know how that effects a good clean kill. That is unless you have found a way to keep them seperated and don't let them touch the sides or the lip of the quiver while drawing an arrow out.

Lets all of us Bowhunters band together rather than breaking up into small narrow minded groups, because we need more than ever to be united to maintain our strength to combat anti-hunting groups. Also the less negative publicity given to our great sport the better.

As for your questionnaire I believe that you probably know that there are simply more people getting into Bowhunting, thus the higher kill ratio.

And one other thing that comes to mind, I can stalk just as close to animals with my compound bow as I could with my recurve or long bow.

I hope you find room for this letter in your Newsletter as I think I make a few valid points.

Sincerely,
Bill Cropp
Lakeside, Cal.

Dear N.B.B.A.,

In regards to Mr. Jim Ellis's letter recently published in the newsletter, I'd like to make a few comments.

We don't have to shoot off your mouths about the new modern gadgets, the higher kill ratio speaks for itself.

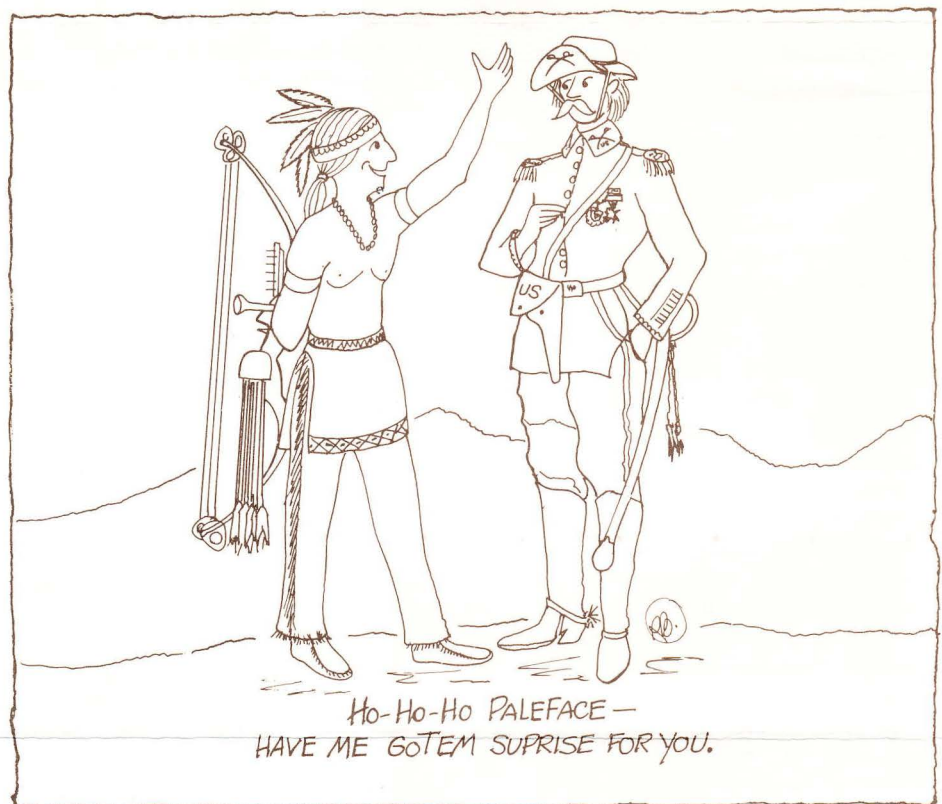
The Barebow isn't for everybody and neither is our club. I don't know why Mr. Ellis asked for a copy of the National Bare

Bow Association newsletter if he shoots a compound. I wish him luck hunting.

Mr. Frank Enos

Keep up the good work in bringing back the sport of archery hunting. We in Oregon are under attack by rifle hunters, and have already lost 1 week of our season. We have been separated with single weapons concept, and are now seen as competitors. I build longbows, take-down recurves of yew, and leather goods, quivers, arm guards and shooting tabs. I need to know specifically what you need to run an ad in your publication.

Thanks John Strunk, OR.





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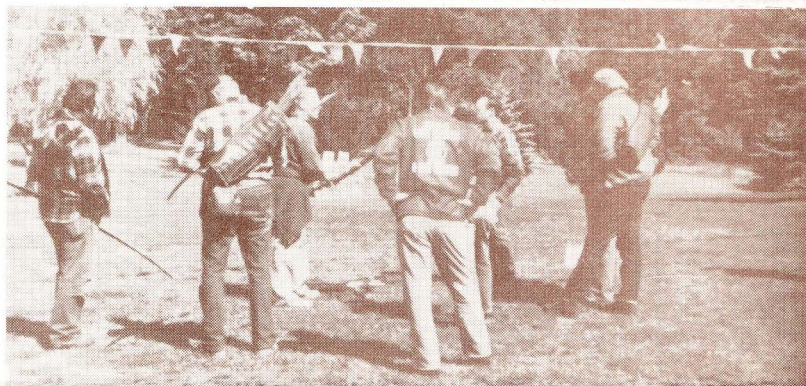
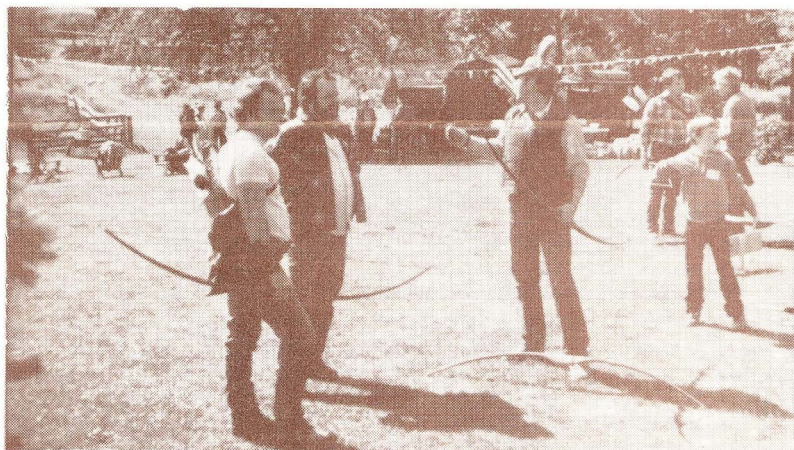
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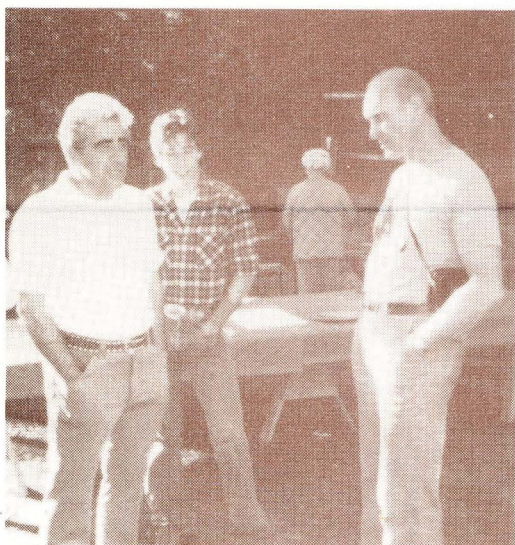
Competitors arrive and warm up.



Line up of Archers at the practice butts sharpening up for the competition.

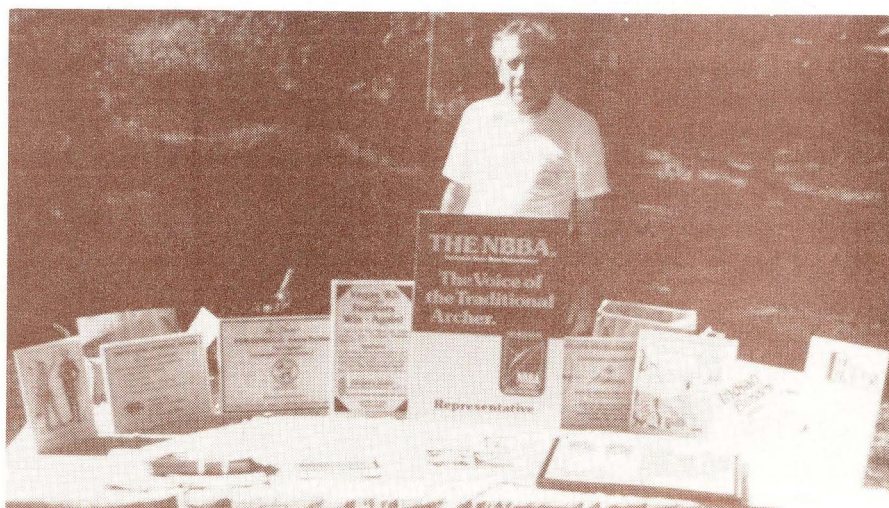


Longbows seem to dominate in these groups of archers, during warmup sessions.



NBBA pres. John Musacchia take time out to speak with Jack Zwickey of Zwickey Archery, shoots sponsor.

Sponsors and Advertisers in the NBBA newsletters not able to attend, had their products plugged on our advertising table set up. Among those shown were True Flight, Don Brown, Anderson Bows, Gateway Feathers, Jim Hamm Indian Bows and Moose River Trading Co. Hunting Goods.



The struggle of competition begins

The grueling 28 target course proved to be the challenge we intended it to be. Many months of planning and hard work had gone into its preparation.

And from the looks of pleasure and satisfaction on the faces of the archers, we knew we had done our job well.

Every conceivable type of shot had been incorporated into the course. The many pictures here attest to that. It was the hunting experience, with all its unpredictable challenges that they were now facing. In a one on one competition.

The next two days witnessed some incredible shooting and events, mentioned in the President's Letter.

Tasos Gavrilis, Northeast National Bowhunter Jamboree traditional division champion, after some brilliant shooting in practice and opening rounds, injured his fingers going into the semi final round.

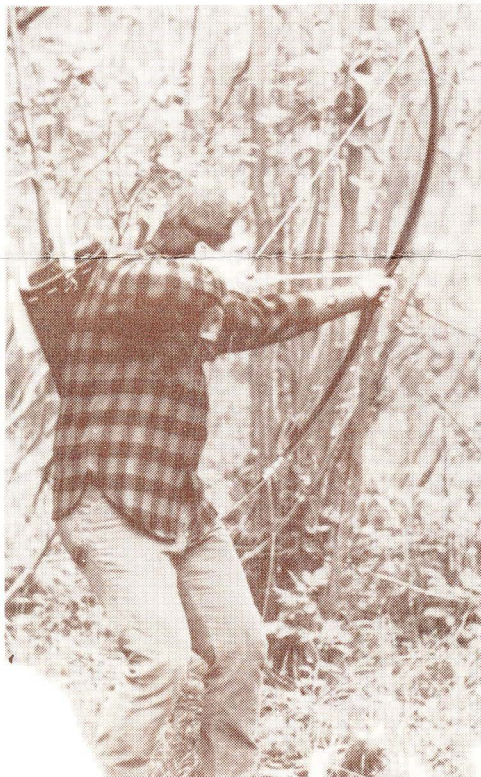
His heavy 80 lbs. recurve, taking its toll over the long course, still managed to place fourth. An incredible gutsy performance.

Billy Fowlkes, twice national champion from Maryland, demonstrated an almost machine like consistency, clobbering target after target. I had to ask myself, doesn't this guy ever miss? The most incredible performance I had ever seen, made even more so by the difficulty of the course.

Perhaps, the most pleasant surprise of all was our own board member, Doug Kerr entering the final round against Fowlkes, shooting his San Marco Long Bow. You gave us all a thrill, Dougy.



Archer Peter Krase, junior division, shows us winning form with his recurve.



Doug Kerr shooting his longbow thru the "lumber yard", target #5.



Tasos Gavrilis, prepares his heavy 80 lb. recurve for the long arrow wash shot, over water.



Bill Fowlkes concentrates from sitting position. One of the many difficult shots of the shoot.



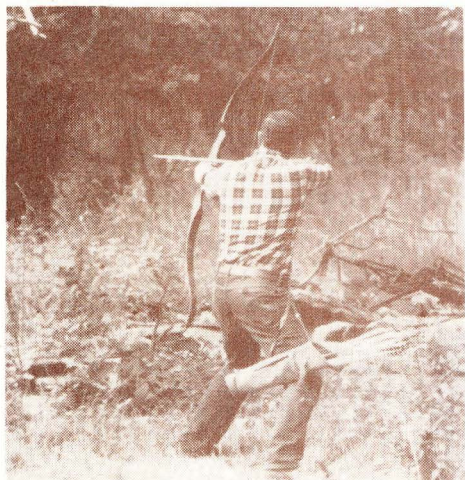
Try this one, sitting with a longbow and shooting up hill at 45 yds. Archer is Daniel Viafore of Merrick, N.Y.



Come on, give me a break. Doug Kerr's arrow fails to take the target. No score.



Tasos Gavrilis, third place winner, and a recurve shooter, looks over the merits of a longbow, between rounds.



Let's see, over the branch and hold a little high and maybe.....



A group of archers taking a break for some chow during the long day.



Archer Bill Haag takes on the unusual Buck in Bed shot, under log and over the wall.



Doug Kerr congratulates Bill Fowlkes after being closed out in championship round.

THE WINNERS...

Tired but smiling and a little richer.

There were winners, and losers. But perhaps we were all, in a sense, winners; in the experience of a great fun time along with the comradery of fellow traditionalists. Something not easily found today on an archery course.

I personally was left with a deep sense of satisfaction. A satisfaction born of having experienced the friendship of a great group of archers. Many of whom I can now list among friends.

A word must be said here in recognition for all those who made the shoot the success that it was.

Mr. Jack Zwickey of Zwickey Archery whose financial support along with, True Flight Co., Savora Co., Bear Archery Frank San Marco, and Custom King Archery Co., provided the list of prizes furnished at the shoot.

And last but not least the ladies who provided the wonderful food and refreshments. A thank you to all.

To sum up, there are many more things that could be said, but perhaps the phrases most often heard nearing the shoots end said it all, see ya next year, and we'll be back.

Junior division champion Peter Kraus left and second place Anthony Canna, Jr. right, showing their trophies.



Trophies in hand, the winners pose for a photo. Left to right rear, Tasos Gaurilis, Newington Conn., third place. Doug Kerr, St. James N.Y., second place. Bill Haag, West Springfield Mass., fourth place. Billy Fowlkes, Wheaton Maryland, first place. Kennie Gabriele, Whitestone N.Y., second place womens. Carol Voight, Roundtop N.Y., first place womens. Front row left to right, Anthony Canna Jr., Freehold N.Y., second place junior division. Peter Krase Bronx N.Y., first place junior division. Congratulations to all.



A delighted Bill Fowlkes, men's champion, holds up his booty. A bear take down recurve, first place cup and check for \$500. Not a bad day Billy.



Doug Kerr, second place winner, contemplates spending his \$250 check.

Stand Up And Shout

by Fred Bauder, Jr.

For the past year or so I've been writing "return to basics" letters to various archery magazines. For the most part these letters have fallen on deaf ears. Some have agreed, others haven't, and most just don't care.

I live and hunt in Pennsylvania, a state with more hunters than anywhere else. I only know of one hunter besides myself that hunts strictly with a bow. That's the problem, almost everyone is an opportunist. The popular philosophy is "I enjoy bowhunting but I like rifle hunting too." That doesn't make sense to me. If a person truly loved bowhunting then they should have no desire to hunt with a gun. Don't get me wrong, I'm not for gun control, not by a long shot. I own several myself and will fight to keep them. It's just that I get far more pleasure out of bowhunting so a bow is what I use.

This rifle hunting, bowhunting, the season hunter attitude has led to the compound, bowsight, and assorted gadgets. The people who invented this garbage never really cared about bowhunting. If they did they never would have tried to reinvent the rifle. Do you think the company that invented the compound cross-bow has your best interest at heart?

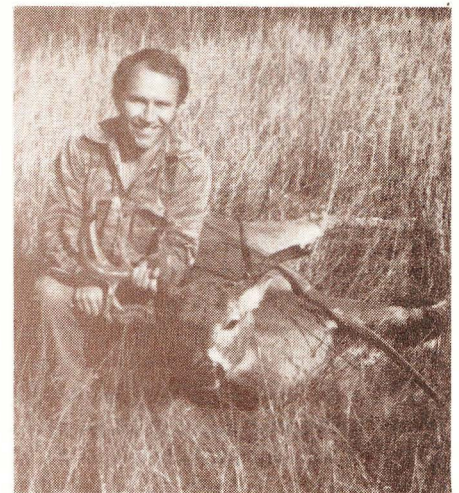
Another problem is the stickbow shooter who says "I don't care what someone shoots, if they need a compound that's ok with me." That may be their attitude but it's not mine.

I don't consider anyone who uses a compound a bowhunter. Did you read the article in one of the latest archery magazines about choosing a hunting bow? It almost made me gag. They seem to think that whatever you're comfortable with is fine. I'm waiting for someone to ask if they can bowhunt with their .06, after all maybe their comfortable with it.

I think it's time to standup and shout "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore. Call me radical, nuts, alarmist, or whatever. But realize that it's up to you and me the Traditional Archers to set the record straight. BAN COMPOUNDS.

PHOTO ROUNDUP

Our Photo Roundup section gives our members the opportunity to share with us some of their Archery photo experiences. So if you have an Archery related picture, hunting or target, send it along with a short descriptive note.

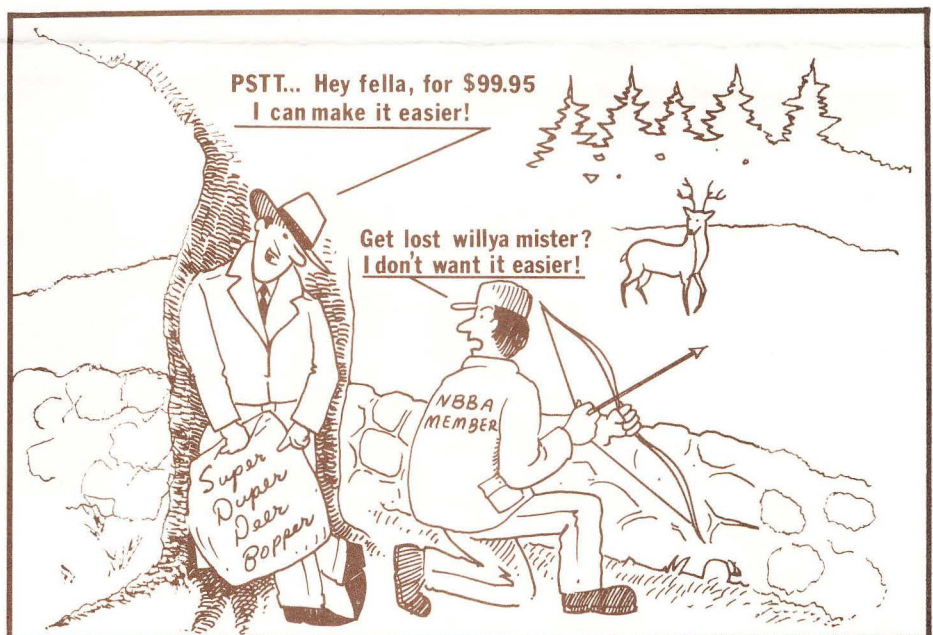


NBBA director Paul Brunner smiles with his whitetail deer nicknamed "Glassy Eyes"

Deano Farkas once again in our newsletter, this time with a "Tiger Shark." Fish was taken in July of this year and measured 7 ft. 2 in. at 174 lbs. Solid aluminum arrows were used.



Jerry LaRusso of Brooklyn N.Y. showing off his prize Black Bear. Bruin dressed out at 230 lbs. Jerry shoots a Bear recurve and is one of our first members. This is a day he won't soon forget.



PENNSY BOW FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS A TURN TO TRADITIONALISM

This year's Pennsylvania bow festival in Forksvill PA, demonstrated a strong interest in traditional equipment: once again we were there pitching traditional archery.

Our booth along with those with traditional equipment around us experienced a lively interest in longbows and recurves.

For months we've been hearing from many of our reps around the country of a strong interest in traditional equipment. This show confirmed their findings. As they say, the joint was jumping, around traditional equipment.

"The challenge was missing," was the complaint most often heard by us from many compound shooters at our booth. "The thing weighs a ton with all the gadgets on," was another.

Fantastic shooting with longbows and recurves by many of the greats in archery, left a big impression on many of the younger archers.

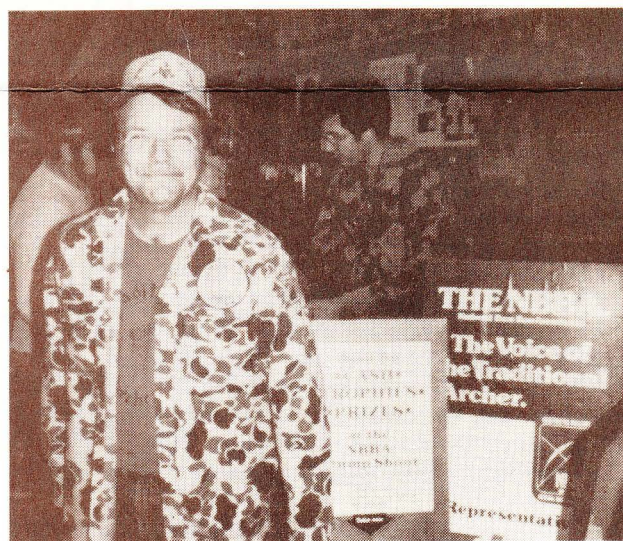
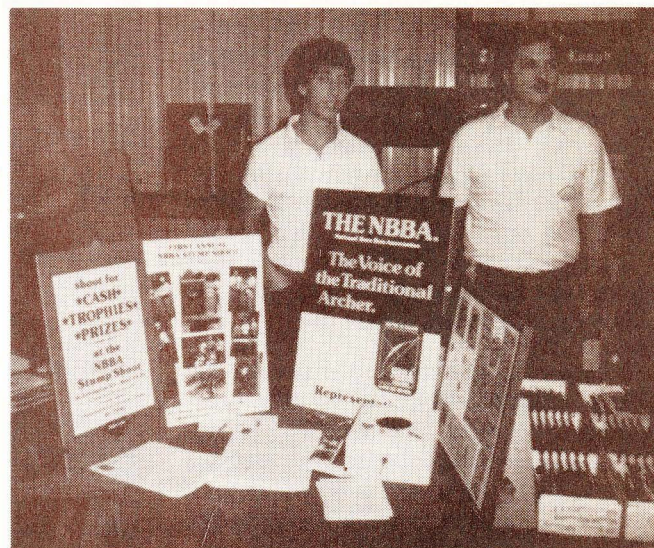
Howard Hills Film, "Tembo", played to jam packed audiences, and John Schulze, the great Howard Hill protege, demonstrated to standing room only, the Hill technique of shooting the longbow.

All in all, a most encouraging festival for the NBBA, and traditional archery.



A gathering of traditional greats. Front row left to right. John Schulze, John Tangredi, Frank San Marco, John Musacchia (NBBA Pres.). Rear left to right. Bob Wesley, Tom Cole, Ron LeClaire.

John Musacchia Jr. and Doug Kerr at NBBA booth at Pennsy Bow Festival, spent the long days greeting many of our membership who stopped by to say hello. Lots of new members too.



Hi Tom, glad to see you. Tom Rodgers, Ohio rep, stops to say hello.



1982 WISCONSIN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION BROADHEAD SHOOT

NBBA board member Paul Brunner sent these stats compiled by Chronograph and other data from 311 shooters. The results proved interesting and perhaps shed some light on the merits of various types of equipment.

Ave. draw weight—60.49 lbs.

Ave. Holding weight of compounds at full draw—32.9

Ave. arrow length—30.01 inches

Ave. arrow weight—533 grains

Ave. shot speed—191.65 feet per second

Ave. speed range of three test shots per shooter — 3.16 f.p.s. (fastest and slowest of the three arrows)

Arrow sizes / types

Aluminum	94.97%
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Wood	1.01%

2117	31.879%	1918	2.013%	1716	0.336%
2016	13.087%	Graphplex	1.678%	1914	0.336%
2018	10.067%	Yellow		2013	0.336%
2216	9.761%	Graphplex	1.007%	Graphplex	0.336%
2219	5.369%	Red		Green	
1916	4.698%	Graphplex	1.007%	.312	0.336%
2114	4.362%	Black		2317	0.336%
2213	3.020%	Wood	1.007%	8.4	0.336%
2020	3.020%	8.6	1.007%	8.5	0.336%
1816	3.020%	2115	0.671%		
		.308	0.671%		

Bows

Compound	300	96.463%
Dynabo	4	1.286%
Recurve	5	1.608%
Longbow	2	0.667%

Draw Wt.	#	Ave. D.W.	Arrow length	Arrow Wt.	Arrow speed
30-39	10	35.40#	27.37"	407g	150.80 f.p.s.
40-49	25	44.80	28.88	472	167.53
50-59	106	55.78	30.28	531	185.51
60-69	117	64.22	30.62	549	199.94
70-79	46	73.45	30.20	546	209.26
80-89	5	82.05	30.42	614	218.26
90-99	1	90.00	31.25	598	215.00

D.W. = Draw weight in pounds

D.W.	Arrow weight	Arrow speed
Fingers 59.68 lbs.	539 gr.	189.18 f.p.s.
Release 62.40 lbs.	527 gr.	195.46 f.p.s.

NOTICE TO ALL STATE FISH AND GAME DEPTS.

We urge that after reading this newsletter, you seriously consider the NBBA position on Bow Hunting in your state.

Before restricting bow seasons in your states because of the higher kill ratio's that we believe have been created by the compound and its related gadgets, you may consider the removal of the compound from the primitive weapon bow season.

The compound is not a primitive weapon by any stretch of the imagination.

The traditional archer who has continued to be true to his sport should not be penalized by the loss of his seasons.

THIS ISSUE WE WILL INTERVIEW DINK PLINKER, CAMBOW HUNTER.

by Carey MacGregor Cutler

NBBA: Dink, I understand your nickname is "The Cable Cowboy". How did that come about?

Dink: Well, I guess cuz I don't shoot nuthin' but compounds. I'll shoot anything that moves as long as it's with a compound.

NBBA: Only compounds, huh. Why is that?

Dink: Well even a dummy knows that if a longbow or recurve was any good they'd sell for more money. Hell, by the time I got dun equippin' my 1984 four-wheel-drive, overhead cam bow, I'd spent nearly a grand on it!

NBBA: A thousand dollars on one bow? How did you manage that?

Dink: Shoot, there was sights to buy, stabilizers, a release aid, cable guards, a draw lock, erl, a tool kit, and a set of headphones that'll let me hear a deer breathing up to 500 yards away. Just in case he's in the clear.

NBBA: 500 yards! How heavy is your bow?

Dink: 14½ pounds.

NBBA: No, I meant draw weight.

Dink: Oh, sure, it draws 140 pounds.

NBBA: 140 pounds! How do you draw it back? You must practice a lot!

Dink: Naw, I always hunt with a buddy, and he's got a bow just like mine. We cock them together at the truck with a draw-lock device.

NBBA: But you can only get one shot.

Dink: Hell, that's all I need. You see with my bow it don't matter whether you're 10 yards away or 300, you aim the same.

Yardage don't mean nuthin'.

NBBA: But then why do you use a range-finder?

Dink: So I don't get more than 100 yards from the road or my truck. If I can't find my deer, at least I can find my truck.

NBBA: Have you ever considered using a string-tracker?

Dink: Yeah, ever since I got lost last year, I tie one on to my door handle every time I go out in the woods now.

NBBA: Do you use a stabilizer for hunting?

Dink: Well, I usually got a bottle of anti-freeze in my pocket. After an hour or so, I get sort of fidgety out there, you know. Some years I don't go out till the last day of the season, and you know how cold it can get that time of year.

NBBA: What style of shooting glove do you use now?

Dink: Electronic mittens.

NBBA: How can you still get a smooth release with mittens?

Dink: By keepin' my release aid well erled. I'm workin' on goin' electronic on that too. Possibly with a foot-switch.

NBBA: You must be quite an inventor, I understand you're refinishing a bow you inherited from your grandfather.

Dink: Not refinishing, just plain finishin'. It's a Tiempo bow from Howard's Hills California, or somethin' like that. Evidently they never finished it. I'm trying to decide whether to put wheels or cams on it.

NBBA: How do you view the traditional movement of longbow and recurve shooters?

Dink: It's just another fad. Hell, if'n they were any good they'd have made them a long time ago!

NBBA: It must have been an overnight or something?

Dink: Yeah, sumthin'.

NBBA: Do you usually hunt all day?

Dink: Naw, I hunt a couple of hours in the morning, and get home just in time for kickoff time. If the game doesn't go into overtime I usually hit the woods up for another hour or so.

NBBA: Do you still-hunt, use a ground blind or what?

Dink: The best thing I've found is to find an old oak tree about 75-100 years old with a nice fork in it and then pound railroad spikes into it for steps. Keeps things more natural than portables hanging up, you know.

NBBA: No, not really. Tell me, what type of clothing do you wear?

Dink: Blaze Orange, head to toe. Makes me feel safer with all the weird-ohs out there nowadays.

NBBA: Yeah, we know what you mean there!

Dink: Say, you fella's sound all right. Would you like to go plinkin' with me next weekend?

NBBA: Oh, no thanks, we have an appointment with our insurance man.

Dink: Oh well, good huntin' fellas.

NBBA: He's out there members, and to the DNR we're all in the same group. SUPPORT THE NATIONAL BARE BOW ASSOCIATION!

shooting technique."

"What kind of a bow did you buy?"

When he replied I didn't have to ask him whether it had wheels or not because the brand he indicated never made a bow.

I asked, "why did you buy a compound?"

"Well I didn't think I had time to develop my muscles and shooting accuracy before the bow season opened, with a recurve."

"Does it have to be easier to be better," I asked. "Well, he said I don't know about better but it was quite obvious to me from the information I got from the salesman that it was going to be a lot easier to learn to shoot a compound."

So he pulled it out of his station wagon and there it was all dolled up with a four-pin sight, stabilizer and string peep.

"I was going to get a release aid, but I ran out of money," he said.

I asked him why he needed a sight?

"The fellow at the store said it would be a lot easier to place the arrow where I wanted it with the aid of the sight."

EASIER, EASIER, EASIER why does everything have to be easier?

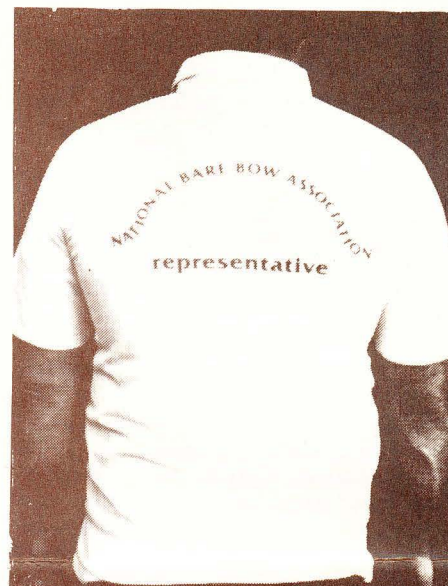
What's happened to the American public that everything has to be easier.

Why do we have to add so many crutches to make it easier to achieve? Somethings in life weren't meant to be easy and I believe that confidence with a bow and arrow is one of them.

I believe confidence with a bow and arrow ought to be obtained with a BOW AND ARROW after HOURS and HOURS and HOURS of patient and diligent practice.

Think about it Charlie, Sue, Bill, Betty, and John, it's your sport. Are you really thrilled about what's been done to the bow and arrow? Are you thrilled about what may be on the drawing board to further desecrate our sport? Have you watched the flight of an arrow shot from a sleek, graceful recurve or long bow? Can you make a comparison of the beauty of this flight as compared to the same arrow being propelled from a four-wheeled monster. There is no comparison so what's the answer? I don't really know. I only hope we haven't gone too far. "Bow hunting is not for everyone. Let's quit trying to make it easier. Let's quit trying to take the human out of the sport. Keep it physical, keep some personal satisfaction and quit trying to turn ourselves into machines."

Think about it, IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK.



Shown above, our beautiful newly designed NBBA shirt. Available to all members with member lettering. Design repeats on front pocket. Two colors, white or ivory with green lettering.

HUNTING WITH DINK— FACT OR FICTION?

Sorry guys, but our little Dink characters in our cartoons and stories, are pure fiction. We have lots of fun with them, but they in no way represent any living breathing person.

What they do represent are the many

problems brought to our sport by the equipment that has found its way into archery.

So enjoy our Dinks, but remember, it's only fun.

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